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1. ETHIOPIAN RADIO CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT MORNING MAR 23
THAT GOVT HAD LAUNCHED SEARCH CAMPAIGN IN
ADDIS ABABA UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. BARS CLOSED FROM
7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M., USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED MOTORCYCLES
PROHIBITED, AND ALL GOVT VEHICLES MUST HAVE SPECIAL
PERMITS TO BE USED DURING NON-WORKING PERIODS INCLUDING
WEEKENDS. CURFEW HAS BEEN SET AT 10:00 P.M. EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. SEARCH BEING CARRIED
OUT BY "WORKERS, PEASANTS, PROGRESSIVE TEACHERS, YOUTH,
KEBELE MEMBERS AND MEN-IN-UNIFORM." PURPOSE OF SEARCH
"TO DISARM REACTIONARIES AND PAID ASSASSINS."

2. IMPROMPTU ROAD BLOCKS HAVE SPRUNG UP IN VARIOUS
LOCALES IN CITY MANNED PRINCIPALLY BE KEBELE WORKERS,
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CAUSING TRAFFIC JAMS. NUMEROUS DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES
HAVE BEEN STOPPED AND SEARCHED INCLUDING PAO'S CAR AND
MAAG COURIER RUN. ACTING DOYEN HAS CALLED MOFA PERM
SEC TO PROTEST AND MESSAGE NOW SUPPOSEDLY BEING PASSED
TO SEARCHERS NOT TO STOP OR SEARCH DIPLOMATIC VEHICLES.
(WE ALSO CALLED MOFA ON OUR OWN.) HOUSE-TO-HOUSE
SEARCH HAS BEGUN, BUT WE HAVE NOT YET

EXPERIENCED ANY DIFFICULTIES. FRISKS OF INDIVIDUALS,
REGARDLESS OF SEX, BEING REPORTED. THERE HAVE BEEN
SEVERAL SHOOTING INCIDENTS IN TOWN SINCE THIS MORNING
BUT IT NOT CLEAR WHETHER THEY RELATED TO HOUSE SEARCHES.
RUMOR MILL IS WORKING OVERTIME AND SOME CONFUSION EVIDENT.
EMB ADVISING AMERICAN CITIZENS TO CURTAIL UN-
NECESSARY TRAVEL THROUGH CITY UNTIL CONFUSION DIES
DOWN.
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